

(Name)  
(Address)  
(City, State, Zip Code)

Dear (Name):

You recently received a letter stating you were accepted to South Dakota's public universities and technical colleges. I want to congratulate you and tell you about an opportunity to save you time and money if you choose to enroll in one of the universities.

Even though you received the general admissions acceptance letter, your performance on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade South Dakota state assessment or ACT indicates that you will need to complete some level of remedial coursework, should you choose to attend one of South Dakota's public universities. These institutions require students to obtain one of the following scores in order to register for credit-bearing coursework:

- Level 3 or 4 in English and math on the South Dakota state assessment OR
- ACT English sub-score of 18 and math sub-score of 20

High school seniors have the opportunity to complete postsecondary remedial coursework while still in high school. A program through the South Dakota Virtual School provides online coursework called "College Readiness Coursework" that, if successfully completed, will allow you to bypass postsecondary remedial coursework and enroll directly into credit-bearing postsecondary courses.

This online coursework ranges in cost from \$125 to \$175. However, if you successfully complete the coursework, you can be reimbursed for the full cost of up to three courses through the South Dakota Department of Education. Registration for this coursework will remain open throughout the school year. For more information about this program, visit [www.sdvs.k12.sd.us](http://www.sdvs.k12.sd.us).

If you will be taking or retaking the ACT this school year, I also encourage you to consider a free program called Method Test Prep, which is available through SDMyLife. This program helps students improve test taking skills, and with regular use, has increased students' ACT scores by 1-2 points. For more information about this program, visit [www.sdmylife.com](http://www.sdmylife.com).

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**BLACK HILLS**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



**DAKOTA STATE**  
UNIVERSITY



**LAKE AREA**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**MITCHELL**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**NORTHERN**



**SOUTH DAKOTA MINES**



**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



**SOUTHEAST**  
Technical College



**UNIVERSITY OF**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**WESTERN**  
**DAKOTA**  
TECH

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please work with your school counselor or principal to access these programs. Or, if you have other questions, do not hesitate to call the Department of Education at 605-773-6400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany Sanderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "S".

Tiffany Sanderson  
Secretary of Education